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Sir:

In lieu of responding to the pending Official Action dated March 17, 2000,
Applicants herewith file a request for a continued prosecution application, and hereby request an
extension of time to respond to the Official Action for a period of three months, up to and
including Monday, September 18, 2000. Applicants enclose the fee required for a small entity.

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